

# RELAY

SECOND EDITION - NOVEMBER 2024



## Welcome to the second edition of RELAY 2024/25

RELAY is your monthly Yeovil College newsletter which keeps you up to date with all YC news and fun information before you've even joined us, so you can feel a part of the YC community already! We also highlight interesting stories around campus, focus on important events for you and introduce a member of staff each month so you can familiarise yourself with life at Yeovil College. We hope you enjoy your monthly update!



## Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal of Yeovil College, visits your school!

Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal of Yeovil College, has been busy visiting over 25 schools in Somerset and North and West Dorset to talk to Year 11 students about their next steps and the opportunities available to them at Yeovil College. You might have seen him recently in your school! Mark has enjoyed encouraging Year 11 students to work hard and focus on their GCSEs – make sure to follow his advice and we will be thrilled to welcome you to Yeovil College next September!



## Yeovil College breaks ground on £60+ million campus redevelopment!

On Friday 25th October, Yeovil College announced the groundbreaking of its transformative £60+ million campus redevelopment project, funded by the Department for Education (DfE). This historic investment marks a significant milestone in further education for Somerset and North and West Dorset, featuring state-of-the-art facilities that promise to offer unparalleled educational experiences to students across the region with its advanced facilities, dynamic learning environments, and a commitment to excellence.

Together with the Department for Education (DfE), and collaborating with BAM as the main contractor, we are delivering:

- Cutting-edge Sports Centre – The Yeovil Institute of Sport
- Technical Construction Centre
- State-of-the-art, innovative and modern Teaching Centre.

These facilities are meticulously designed to nurture local talent, skills, and innovation, addressing the diverse needs of the community and enhancing employment opportunities in the region. This is an exciting time to be joining Yeovil College!





## December Open Event

We had a fantastic time on Wednesday 23rd October welcoming students and their support networks to our first Open Event of the year! With brilliant lecturers and current students available to talk to, campus tours and Principal presentations, so much was on offer to engage with! If you missed out, do not worry – we have our next incredible Open Event on Monday 2nd December. Please register [here](#) to secure your place!

## Guest Speakers in Business and Economics A Level Classes

Recently, our A Level Business and Economics students were visited by guest speakers Scott Wheeler and Ashley Cannon from Strategy One. As business owners, Scott and Ashley delivered a fantastic speech about their journey into the entrepreneurial world, including how and why they set up Strategy One. Their route and goals can be used as a case study in our students' exams and as a former Yeovil College student, Scott showcases a brilliant career for our students. This is part of an outstanding series of guest speakers which have been invited to talk about their experiences in the business world for our A Level students. What a great opportunity for students!



**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

## Celebrating T Levels Students This December!

From 2nd to 6th December, we are thrilled to celebrate T Levels Celebration Week! As one of the pioneering providers of T Levels, starting our first T Levels in 2021, we are incredibly proud to mark this occasion and honour the achievements of all Yeovil College students.

We are immensely proud of our T Level students, who are progressing well and have high ambition for themselves, and many current students are already planning progression to higher-level apprenticeships or attending university.

Join us on social media this December as we celebrate our students, including sharing some T Treats with our students.

## Meet our Curriculum Area Manager of Kingston Sixth Form A Levels, Matthew Holmes

### 1. What is your role?

As Head of Sixth Form, my role is to oversee the day to day running of the Sixth Form; this involves everything from timetabling to line managing the teaching team, to supporting all our A Level students to make the best academic progress that they are able to. Without a doubt, the best part of the role is the time spent getting to know and getting to support students!

### 2. Describe yourself in 3 words

Creative, patient, empathetic.

### 3. What do you like about Yeovil College?

I love the sense of community that runs throughout the college. I was a student here myself (too many years ago than I care to admit) and my first teaching job was also here so it says a lot that I was so happy to return in my current role. I also think it's such an exciting time to be at the college while we refresh the whole campus for the next few generations of students.

### 4. What could you not live without?

Music – because what is life without a decent soundtrack?!

